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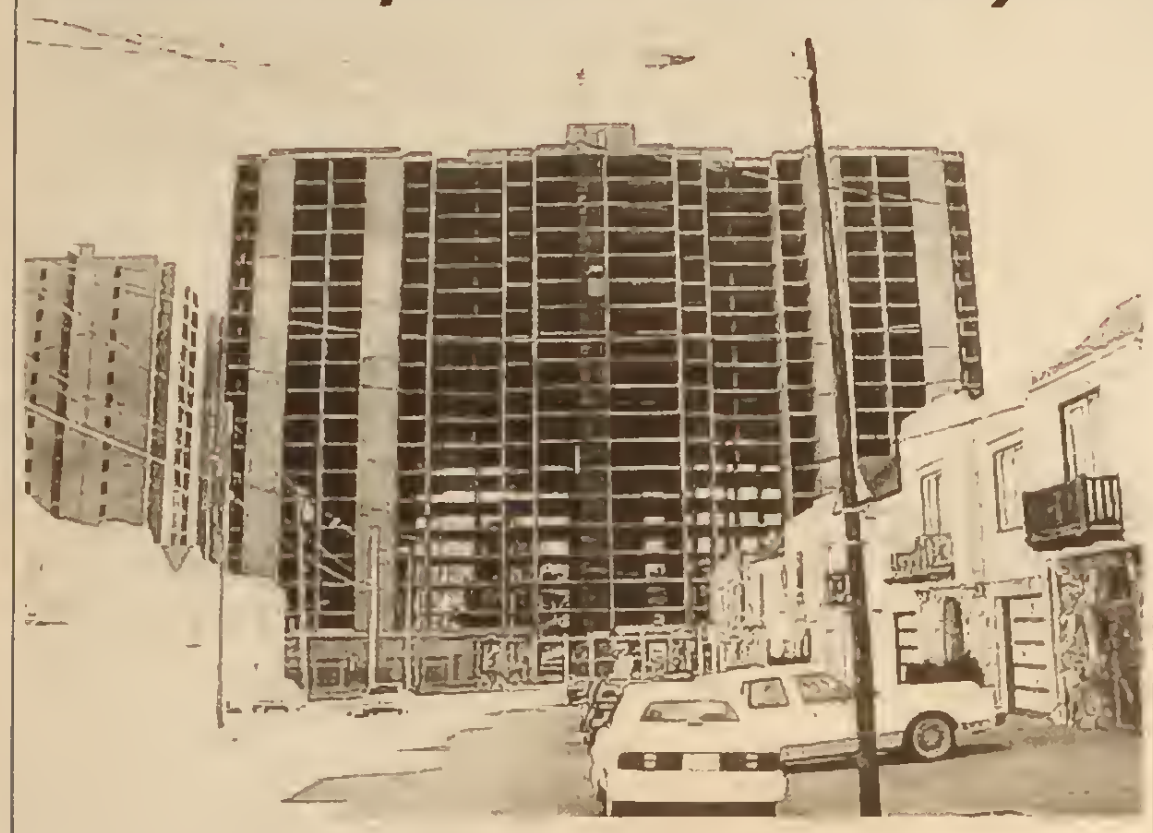
Towers Implosion Set for May 16



Visitacion Valley residents living on Rey Street will again have a spectacular view of San Bruno Mountain once both Geneva Towers are imploded on May 16. The twin 20-story buildings have shadowed the neighborhood for more than 30 years

Geneva Towers, the two 20-story buildings located at the corner of Schwerin Street and Sunnydale Avenue, will be demolished by implosion on Saturday afternoon, May 16 at 2:30 p.m. This will be an historic occasion: the first implosion in San Francisco, symbolic of progress being made in the redevelopment of Visitacion Valley.

Over the past months there has been much discussion about how to demolish Geneva Towers, which culminated in an exciting community vote that overwhelmingly supported implosion as the most effective method of demolition.

All Visitacion Valley residents are invited to attend an *Implosion Information Meeting* at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 11 at the auditorium of the Church of the Visitacion, 655 Sunnydale Avenue. Chinese and Spanish translation will be available during this meeting.

At the meeting, experts from Aman Environmental and their subcontractor CDI will describe in detail what to expect the morning of the implosion and define the 600-700-feet radius of areas designated as safety and security zones. They will answer any questions about the implosion, indicate the best viewing sights and address any worries about dust and vibrations.

CANDLELIGHT EVENT

Neighbors will join past Geneva Towers residents at the twin high rises on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in a special candlelight remembrance to those who once lived there.

PRE-IMPLOSION EVENTS

Special pre-implosion ceremonies will be conducted at Visitacion Valley Middle School (VVMS) at 1:30 p.m. with special guest, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Eighth Congressional District. She will speak on the partnership with and commitment to the community of Visitacion Valley.

Art Agnos, HUD's Secretary Representative, will recognize the extraordinary community commitment of HUD and its partnership with the City and County of San Francisco and the Mayor's Office of Housing.

Special awards an recognition will honor the commitment of former Geneva Towers residents, the contributions of community organizations and the role of Geneva Valley Development Corporation, John King Senior Center, Mercy Charities Housing California, and Housing Conservation and Development Corporation.

VVMS and higher areas surrounding the Valley such as McLaren Park are considered good viewing sights for the implosion.

IMPLOSION QUESTIONS

Q: How long will it last?

A. Under the expertise of Aman/CDI implosion specialists, the implosion itself will last less than 15 seconds.

Q: Will it affect me?

A. Aman/CDI will work individually with those residents in the area immediately adjacent to Geneva Towers and they will be asked to leave for approximately two hours as a normal precaution. Those residents within a two-block radius of Geneva Towers will be encouraged to close their windows, turn off air conditioning or other air intakes, place plastic sheeting over louvers or vents in their buildings to ensure that fine particle dust, immediately generated after the implosion, doesn't enter their structures. All other residents of Visitacion Valley just need to be aware of the timing on the implosion and that certain areas surrounding Geneva Towers will be blocked as part of security precautions during the implosion.

Q: Will I hear it?

A. You will hear for at least 15 seconds the air blast from the detonation of the strategically placed demolition charges that cause the building to collapse inward.

Q: Can I watch it?

A. All immediate areas around Geneva Towers will be closed for safety and security purposes. For the best viewing, there are outstanding sites located on the hills surrounding Visitacion Valley. The implosion will be quick and dramatic.

For the latest information on the implosion, or to leave messages regarding implosion questions or concerns, call the HUD-sponsored Geneva Towers demolition hotline at (415) 831-8338.

National Safety Review Panel Finds Muni Safe and Responsible

A national safety review panel of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) recently gave San Francisco's transit system a favorable rating.

Concluding the S.F. Municipal Railway operates "in a safe and responsible manner," the report was issued on April 23 after Muni chief Emilio R. Cruz requested the APTA peer review last December.

"The Panel found the transit vehicles to be operated in a safe and responsible manner," the final report declares. "Furthermore, Muni employees were found to be very customer-oriented, friendly, and focused toward safety."

Panel members, brought in from transit agencies around the nation, "found evidence of a positive and professional attitude at all levels within Muni, with managers and employees who fully understand the importance of providing safe and reliable on-time service."

Cruz requested the on-site safety peer review in an effort to better identify ways to improve Muni's safety oversight and operations as the agency approaches a major reorganization of its management structure, scheduled for completion by July 1.

APTA's Rail Safety Review Board provides independent reviews of transportation systems around the nation, conducted by teams of transit professionals with extensive experience in operations, training and safety. The panel spent five days on-site at Muni examining the agency at all levels.

As promised, the APTA panel's final report included a list of specific recommendations for improved service and safety. The 50 recommendations were accepted by Muni and in many cases are already in progress, as a result of dialogue between Muni and the APTA panel during its visit in February, and of the on-going restructuring of Muni management. Some recommendations will require additional funding, which Cruz said will be incorporated in Muni's 1998-99 Budget Request.

With the peer review's final report in hand, the general manager said Muni will develop an action plan to address all 50 specific recommendations--similar to the agency's response to Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst Harvey Rose's audit in 1996.

"This is a very thorough report--exactly the kind of peer guidance we were looking for from our colleagues around the nation," Cruz said. "Many of the panel's recommendations highlight areas we've already targeted at Muni and will only help us take the agency in the positive direction we're headed."

"In many cases, the panel confirmed what we've been emphasizing for some time, the need for more training, more street inspectors, investments in new technology," Cruz said. "Those things require funding, and I hope this report helps us get the resources we need."

The Muni general manager was pleased with the APTA's findings. "Ultimately, I am responsible for the safety of Muni, which is why I called for the review," Cruz said. "But I'm very proud of our employees and how they fared in this report."

According to its final report, the APTA panel "was impressed with the caliber and dedication of the employees of the Municipal Railway. All of the Muni employees with whom we had contact expressed a strong desire to learn from the experiences of the panelists to further enhance and supplement existing Muni programs."

"With such team commitment and spirit Muni will be able to accomplish its objective," the report states.

By continuing Muni management's reorganization efforts and adopting APTA recommendations, the panel concludes Muni "will assure the continued delivery of safe public transportation service [and become] an industry leader in the delivery of public transit service of the highest possible quality."

New King Housing Moved to September

Groundbreaking for the new John King Senior Housing on Raymond Avenue, originally scheduled for May 1998, has now been moved to September, according to Mercy Charities Housing.

The proposed project would construct 90 units of low-income senior housing, a senior service center and child care facility, and a manager's unit along the north side of the 500 block of Raymond Avenue on a 2.3 acre site subdivided from a 12.5 acre lot.

New Day of Neighborhood Celebration

Visitacion Valley's first annual *Neighborhood Day* will be held May 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Visitacion Valley Elementary School on Schwerin Street, with basketball tournaments also taking place at the *Village* Recreation Center and Kellogg Velasco Park.

Exhibits, displays, games and entertainment will precede a 1:30 p.m. Implosion Ceremony at Visitacion Valley Middle School, 450 Raymond Ave., followed by the 2:30 p.m. demolition of Geneva Towers.

For more information, call (415) 469-4590.

Celebration 50 Years in the Making

Conrad and Hermina Dacanay Oller toasted 50 years of marriage following renewal of their vows.

Conrad and Herminia Oller recently exchanged renewed marriage vows during celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at Temple Baptist Church on 19th Avenue.

Relatives and friends of the Ollers were on hand to witness and participate in the ceremony, performed by Rev. Dr. Jerry O. Reyes, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Visitacion Valley. Herminia is choir director at St. James, and Conrad is music and choir director at Grace United Methodist Church on Taraval Street.

Rev. Arturo Capuli led the crowd in prayer before meal during the reception while Rev. Leonard Autajay, retired pastor of Geneva United Church, delivered a mealtime grace.

Three Oller children played major roles during sanctuary rites. Conrad Oller, Jr. delivered a welcome note while Grace Oller Calman and Lina Oller Marchman read words of Christian wisdom and Bible passages. Both Conrad, Jr. and wife Lorrie are members of Temple Baptist Church.

Coming from a family of musical talents, Lina also performed a splendid version of Roger Williams' *Autumn Leaves* on piano.

-Story and photos, Gerry I. Galvan

Through Visitacion Valley Job Education and Training and Dynamic Development Associates, Ann Williams, a candidate for the Democratic Central Committee, 12th District, has assisted the neighborhood in career development.

Valley Candidates In June Election

Candidates for the Democratic Party's County Central Committee, 12th District on June 2 include two Visitacion Valley residents, Ann Williams and Marlene Tran.

Williams, a job development manager and San Francisco resident for more than 50 years had a 30 year career with the federal government.

"Now is a time for a well-balanced foundation to be built in the Central Committee so that we will be qualified and fortified to move successfully into the 20th Century," she explained.

Tran, a dedicated instructor for 27 years who earned praise as being a "modern day woman warrior" from major local Asian newspapers, succeeded in her effort to greatly expand ESL classes in the Valley, while helping many become U.S. citizens.

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Grapevine Mailbox

Clearing the Air With Solid Waste

Following is a letter sent April 23 by the Visitacion Valley Grapevine to Paul Horcher, director of Solid Waste Management for the City and County of San Francisco.

Hello Mr. Horcher

I spoke with Philip Ginsburg at CB&M on Monday, April 20 after receiving a letter concerning comments made in an article which was reprinted in the April 1998 issue of the Visitacion Valley Grapevine

In this article, "Garbage Company Meets Nemesis," appeared a footnote which identified your position as head of Solid Waste Management and also made comments which both the letter and Mr. Ginsburg explained you found offensive

Both the Visitacion Valley Grapevine and Visitacion Valley Community Center which publishes the newspaper apologize for any erroneous remarks

When the Grapevine was given the opportunity to reprint a story about an important neighborhood issue concerning the waste facility on Tunnel Avenue, it agreed in writing to run the article, which originally appeared in the March, 1998 issue of the San Francisco Investigator, without altering it in any way.

We also agreed to not put the story on Grapevine website because it is the property of the San Francisco Investigator.

As a small community monthly newspaper, the Grapevine's primary goal is to present unbiased information and let its readers formulate their own opinions.

However, the Grapevine does not intentionally publish inaccurate information. On April 20, Mr. Ginsburg sent the Grapevine a statement that will he used in the May 1998 issue that will correct previous information he identified as false.

We appreciate this matter being brought to our attention and regret any inconvenience to Solid Waste Management

Sincerely,
Len Appiano
Editor, Visitacion Valley Grapevine

cc: Julia A. Kavanagh
Philip A. Ginsburg
San Francisco Investigator

Support for Proposal to Relocate Police Patrol Boundaries

Following is a letter sent Mar. 31 to Chief Fred Lau of the San Francisco Police Department by the Visitacion Valley Task Force.

Dear Chief Lau.

On behalf of the Visitacion Valley Task Force, this letter is to support the proposal to relocate the boundaries of the Ingleside and Bayview Police Districts, so that the entire Visitacion Valley neighborhood is contained in one district. It is much too confusing for the neighbors and the police officers to have our neighborhood split right down the middle in the way it has been for the past few years. Our residents have enough trouble reporting crimes. There are language differences, fears of reprisal, transportation problems and so forth. When they have to decide which police station to go to regarding a particular crime, they are often discouraged and fail to report the crime at all. Also, it is better for a community to build a bond, as in community policing, with a single station for unity and consistency purposes.

We feel that the Ingleside District would be willing, now that they are establishing a "substation" in Sunnydale, to take the entire Visitacion Valley area under their wing. Captain Bruce has a fine reputation in our area, and has shown all of the diverse people in our area that he is a "doer" who can work with the entire population to reduce crime and violence in this neighborhood. Captain Bruce attended our March Task Force meeting and indicated that he is supportive of the *change of boundary* proposal as put forth by the neighbors at the special Board of Supervisors meeting in Sunnydale on March 2, 1998.

The Visitacion Valley Task Force is representative of all of the sub-areas of Visitacion Valley, and exists to bring the voice of the neighbors to those who can affect positive changes to the quality of life in the Valley. The Task Force is working with neighborhood residents and leaders to facilitate their active involvement in the economic development of Visitacion Valley. At our meeting on March 28, it was unanimously decided to write you this letter in support of the inclusion of Visitacion Valley within the boundaries of the Ingleside Police District.

We trust you will give this your most serious consideration, and we thank you in advance for your support for the citizens of Visitacion Valley

Sincerely yours,
Joel Tate,
Acting Chair
Visitacion Valley Task Force

Garbage Clarification

by Peter Byrne, Editor & Publisher of the San Francisco Investigator: the newsletter for people who do not trust City Hall.

In my article "Ralph the Giant Slayer, Garbage Company Meets Nemesis," I wrote, in a tiny footnote, "The Solid Waste Management Program is currently run by Paul Horcher, a political nobody from Sacramento whose only claim to fame was that he once sold out his friends in order to curry favor with Willie Lewis Brown, Jr., Norcal's longtime attorney. Oh, Horcher and his office are also under investigation for sex-related crimes."

The sentence on the Horcher investigation, being conducted by city officials, was based on an article appearing in the Nov. 21, 1997 San Francisco Chronicle, by David Dietz. The lead paragraph in Dietz's article stated "Two top San Francisco garbage officials, including a former state assemblyman put on the payroll by Mayor Willie Brown, are under investigation by city officials for allegedly degrading conduct that included ethnic and sexual slurs toward workers, the Chronicle has learned.

"The case came to light this week when a former city solid-waste program administrator complained to municipal officials that two superiors, Paul Horcher and Ron Brand, forced her resignation last month because she refused to tolerate their alleged abuse."

Dietz went on to describe Martha Diaz's charges in a complaint she filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. On March 4, 1998, Dietz wrote a follow-up article, after Ron Brand resigned from the department. On April 20, 1998, City Administrator Bill Lee said that his office is still investigating the matter. Neither Horcher nor Brand was accused of a sex-related crime such as rape, child molestation, sodomy, bestiality, etc.

BayArea Student Film Festival at Exploratorium

The Second Annual Bay Area Student Film Festival will be held at the McBean Theater at the Exploratorium on Sunday, May 10. There will be two showings at 1 and 3 p.m

This festival is a current forum for high school students to exhibit their work in the film/video medium. Put together by two students from University High School in San Francisco, Dan Frost and Taubu Auerbach, the festival includes work from Bay Area schools such as: School of the Arts in San Francisco, Arrowsmith Academy in Oakland, Marin Academy, and Crystal Springs Uplands.

Admission is free, and free food and drinks will be provided. An informal Q&A session with filmmakers will follow presentation of films and videos.

Clearing Up a Garbage Problem

Visitacian Valley Grapevine spoke with the law offices of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough (CB&M) on Apr. 20 after receiving a letter which both identified and demanded correction of a *page faur* footnote of a reprinted story appearing in the April 1998 issue.

With permission, the *Grapevine* had reprinted the story "Garbage Company Meets Nemesis" which originally appeared in the March 1998 issue of the *San Francisco Investigator* because it concerned operations at the waste and recycling facility on Tunnel Avenue, a vital neighborhood issue involving many local residents. In reprinting the story, the *Grapevine* agreed in writing both to present the article unaltered, and not place it on the *Grapevine* website.

When contacted, an attorney for CB&M explained, "...it was erroneously stated that Paul Horcher, the Director of Solid Waste Management for the City and County of San Francisco and his office were under investigation for sex related crimes. This statement was untrue and was erroneously published. Neither Mr. Horcher, nor his office is or was under investigation for any crime."

Regretting the publication of any incorrect information, the *Grapevine* sent a letter of apology to Paul Horcher at Solid Waste Management (See *Grapevine Mailbox*).

Peter Byrne, editor and publisher of the San Francisco Investigator, also replied about his article (See *Garbage Clarification*).

Kops and Kids Family Day at Serra Bowl

Gateway Kops and Kids Family Day invites kids from 3 to 15 and their parents to meet their community police, firefighters, sheriffs, paramedics and other emergency services officers Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Serra Bowl in Daly City.

This event is the largest of its kind in California with more than 40 agencies participating. Last year, more than 1,700 kids bowled with 350 public safety officers. This year's activities will include free bowling, landing and take-off of the CHP's helicopter, pancake breakfast, face painting, Humvee and pony rides, demonstrations of emergency procedure, and even an antique car show

Serra Bowl is located at 3301 Junipero Serra Blvd. in Daly City.

Hope and Help In the Early Stages Of Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is often associated with severe memory loss--but in the beginning of the illness, people experience only mild forgetfulness and confusion.

Family Caregiver Alliance and the Alzheimer's Association are offering a new support group in San Francisco for people with early stage AD and a separate, concurrent group for their family members. Discussion will focus on challenges as well as capabilities in coping with the disease, and adjusting to the changes so that "life goes on."

Participants must be aware that they have AD, and be willing and able to discuss their experiences. A pre-enrollment interview is required. For more information, call (415) 434-3388.

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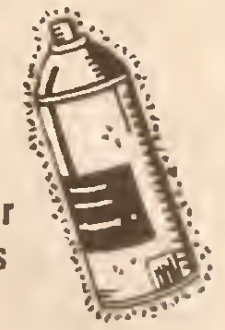

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City Summarizes Development Taking Place in McLaren Park

In recognition of the community's interest in current and future improvements for John McLaren Park, the Recreation and Park Department will be preparing a bi-annual "Status Update" summary. This is the first summary in a series to provide information on current and future capital improvement projects, maintenance, and the preservation and enhancement of natural areas in John McLaren Park. The Recreation and Park Department looks forward to your continued interest in the current and future status of this unique, recreational and open space resource.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In 1987, city voters passed an $18 million park bond to benefit six facilities, one of which is John McLaren Park. (The other facilities to benefit from the 1987 Park Bond are Buena Vista Park, Crocker Amazon Playground, Kezar Stadium, Lake Merced and Portsmouth Square.) Legislation for this park bond provides $2.4 million in construction funding for capital improvements in McLaren Park. (However, no provisions were made in the legislation for maintenance.) A Master Plan was developed in a public process to identify various capital improvements recommended for McLaren Park to enhance its value as a neighborhood and regional open space containing areas of significant natural vegetation.

Much progress has been made to enhance the facilities at McLaren Park, some of which is noticeable, particularly in the completed projects. Other projects are in the development stage and not yet evident. By the close of 1998, a significant variety of improvements will either have been completed or in progress as follows:

1) *Upper Reservoir Renovation:* The upper reservoir is centrally located within the Shelley Drive loop. Improvements include an impenetrable lining of the reservoir, re-paving of pathways, renovation of picnic areas, new landscaping, improved irrigation and disabled access provisions. This project was completed at a cost of $750,000.

2) *Visto Overlook:* The vista overlook is located at the southwest corner of the Mansell Street/Visitacion Avenue intersection and capitalizes on views toward the bayshore. This area had previously been a dirt lot oftentimes used as a dumping ground for household refuse. Development of this overlook included parking stalls, new irrigation and landscaping, new pathways and user amenities, including benches and trash receptacles.

3) *Mansell Street Medians.* As part of the vista overlook project, improved seasonal landscaping was planted within the medians along Mansell Street. New curbing was also installed to define the medians. The improvement was completed in conjunction with the vista overlook project.

4) *Shelley Drive Swing Gates:* New swing gates were installed at the west intersection of Shelley Drive/Mansell Street and at the intersection of Cambridge Street/Shelley Drive. Access along this portion of Shelley Drive is available only from sunrise to sunset. Since installation, roadside dumping has been significantly reduced along Shelley Drive. This project was completed in conjunction with the vista outlook project.

5) *Mansell Street Guardrails:* New guardrails are being installed along the north side of Mansell Street. This will prevent vehicles from driving off-road and damaging natural areas. This project was scheduled for completion in March of 1998 at a cost of $50,000. In addition, swales will be strategically placed along Shelley Drive to discourage off-road vehicles while maintaining views into these areas from the roadway.

6) *Roundhouse Restroom Building:* The Roundhouse building is located adjacent to a half-basketball court near Wayland and Oxford Streets. Under contract along with other existing restrooms in the City, this historically significant structure is currently under renovation to provide handicap access. The Roundhouse restroom building is anticipated for completion by summer of 1998.

7) *Herz Playground Renovation:* The San Francisco Conservation Corps received a $62,000 community development block grant for the renovation of Herz Playground, which is located at the intersection of Hahn Street/Visitacion Avenue. The play equipment is both the children's play area and the tot area will be replaced with new structures that are in compliance with current safety guidelines. This renovation project is anticipated for completion by fall of 1998 at a cost of $200,000.

8) *Amphitheater Renovation:* The outdoor amphitheater, centrally located within the Shelley Drive loop, was constructed in 1972. Due to current deteriorating conditions, this facility is seldom utilized. The renovation program includes refinishing the stage, utility upgrades, more spacious dressing rooms, refurbished audience seating, disabled access provisions and a new restroom building. The contract should be awarded in May of 1998 with an anticipated date for project completion in the winter of 1998. The estimated cost to complete the amphitheater renovation project is $600,000.

9) *Louis Sutter Ployground Renovation:* Through public meetings, a community-approved plan was developed. The children's play area and nearby tot area will include play structures that are in compliance with current safety guidelines. The play areas will be handicap accessible. In addition, this renovation project will include a retaining/seat wall near McNab Lake, clean-up of the waterfall, and replacement of the swales uphill of the waterfall. The project is currently in plan and specification development. The anticipated date for project completion is mid-1999 at an estimated cost of $325,000.

For more information about current and future capital improvements for McLaren Park, or for a free copy of the McLaren Park Master Plan, please feel free to call Marvin Yee, Project Manager, at (415) 831-2742.

MAINTENANCE

Heavy seasonal rains have produced a bumper crop of grasses on the playing fields. Because the ground is very saturated, mowing began as soon as the ground dried out to the point where mowers would not be bogged down.

Louis Sutter Playground soccer field has had two artificial turf goal mouths installed this past fall. Early rains put a halt to the project which was nearing completion. Once things dry out, the contractor will finish up the sanding of the goal mouths and the leveling of the field around the artificial turf. Additional work will be done to the soccer field to correct damage caused this winter by illegal play.

The ball diamonds at Louis Sutter Playground will be getting some fresh cinder late spring.

In the developed areas of the park at Louis Sutter Playground and the areas north of Shelley Drive, the flower beds should respond to change from the unusually wet weather. The heavy winter rains have taken their toll on some of the flower beds and the McLaren Park crew is responding with clean-up and replanting of the most damaged areas.

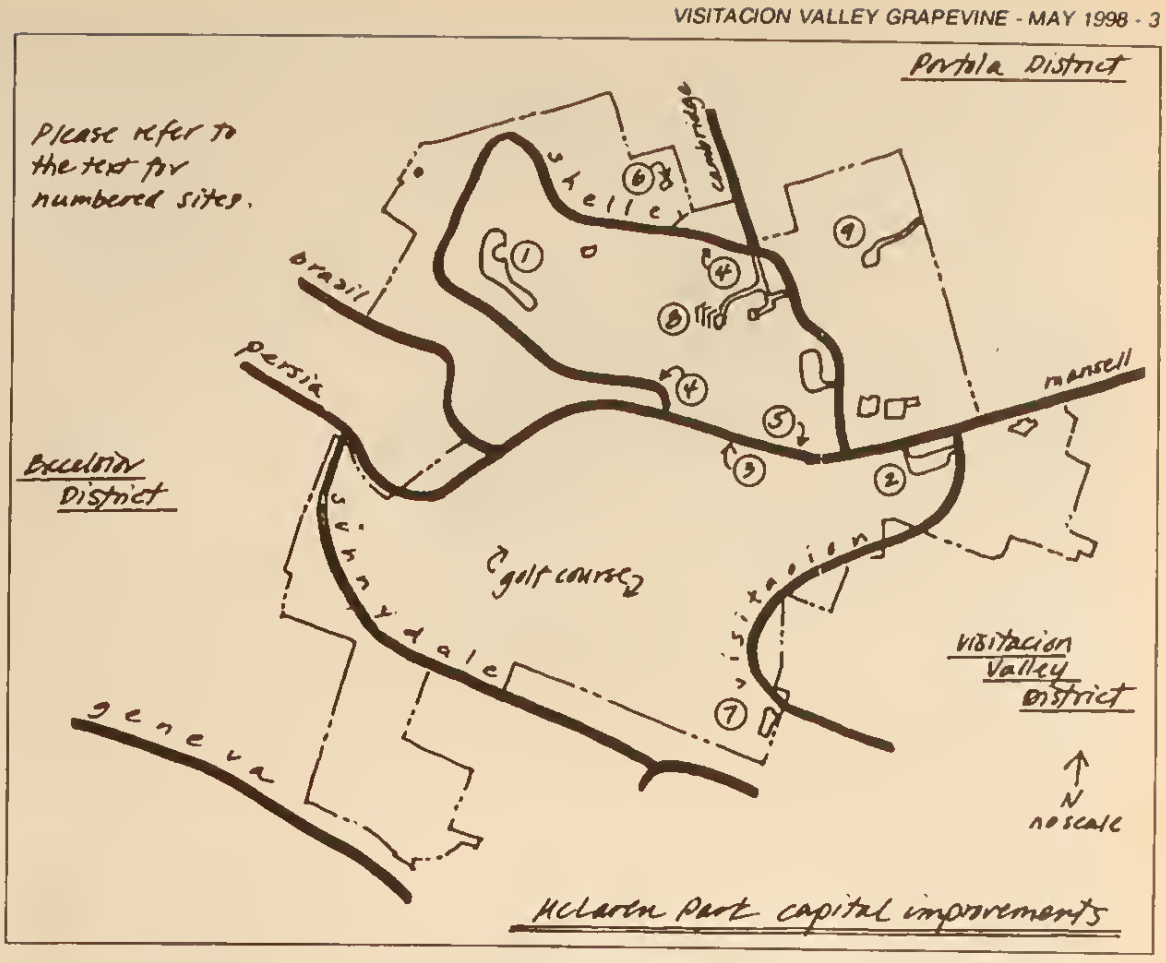
For more information regarding the maintenance program, please call Sean Sweeny, Area Supervisor, at (415) 468-1292.

RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Since the introduction of a recreation director, Keith Grier, to McLaren Park about a year ago, recreation programs have been developed with environmental educators and community organizations to take advantage of the park's unique natural setting. Hiking ("walk-abouts") and the restoration activities are offered to introduce students to this backyard wilderness.

The Recreation and Park Department is in the process of coordinating these recreational activities into a formal program titled *Restoration os Recreation.* By studying existing restoration and recreation programs and working with the San Francisco Unified School District, the Recreation and Park Department is striving to develop a model program.

The Recreation and Park Department will also be sprucing up the clubhouse building next to the tennis courts along Mansell Street. The recreation director is also inviting proposals from students for a mural design along the outside walls of the clubhouse. For more information on the mural and on recreation programming at McLaren Park, please call Keith Grier, Recreation Director, at (415) 467-3481.



NATURAL AREAS

While the park is wet, a greta showod spring wildflowers are beginning to appear on the south facing slopes overlooking Visitacion Valley. Parking is available in the new parking lot at Visitacion Avenue and Mansell Street. Cross over Visitacion Avenue to the south slope by the observation tower and enjoy the flower show. In bloom in late February were pink checker blooms (*Sidolcio*), California violet (*Viola pedunculata*), foot steps of spring (*Seniculo orctopoides*), suncups (*Comisonia ovato*), *Lamotium* (a close relative of fennel), blue dicks (*Dichelostemma*) and the California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*). As the season progresses, there will be more flowers appearing throughout the southern slopes. Please take care while walking on these areas; the terrain is quite steep.

The Natural Areas Program is finalizing a work scope with the San Francisco Conservation Corps for this year's restoration activities. The Youth in Action crew (middle school students) will be working almost every Saturday while school is in session and at least twice a week during the summer. Youth in Action crews will be working to remove broom (*Acadio sp.*) and other weeds near the amphitheater and south of Mansell Street in the spring. In the summer, crews will mostly be working in the southern grasslands removing fennel. The students will also be performing plant propagation in the Golden Gate Park Nursery and erosion control activities in the park.

For more information regarding the natural areas program, please call Lisa Wayne, Director of Natural Resources at (415) 753-2779.

OTHER NEWS

In December 1997 and February 1998, community meetings were held to discuss and evaluate a proposal by the San Francisco Disc Golf Club (SFDGC) for a disc golf course in McLaren Park. Due to a lack of consensus at the February 1998 meeting, the proposal had been withdrawn by SFDGC). Therefore, the disc golf course proposal will not be further considered at this time.

GET INFORMED AND INVOLVED

The Recreation and Park Department is committed to providing safe and quality facilities and programs to all users and visitors to John McLaren Park, while preserving and enhancing its significant natural areas. Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated! To add your name or a neighbor's name onto the mailing list, please call Becky Ballinger, Public Relations Officer, at (415) 831-2783, or e-mail: Becky_Ballinger@ci.sf.ca.us.

For volunteer opportunities in habitat restoration and/or park beautification in McLaren Park, please call Kristin Bowman, Volunteer Coordinator with the Recreation and Park Department at (415) 831-2778.

The Recreation and Park Department also encourages all interested persons to join the Friends of McLaren Park, of which its mission is to promote the stewardship on this unique recreational open space. The Friends of McLaren Park meets every third Saturday at the Louis Sutter Clubhouse, located near University and Woolsey Streets, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, please call Keith Grier, the Recreation Director at (415) 467-3481.

Plan to Enhance Bike Transit in San Francisco

A *Bicycle Transportation Enhancement Plan* consisting of amendments to the Traffic Code, Administrative Code and Planning Code and based upon suggestions made by the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and other related organizations was recently introduced to the Board of Supervisors by Supervisor Leslie Katz.

"This legislation consists of some very reasonable and proactive measures which will enhance the City's approach to bicycle transit," said Katz. "If we are committed to reducing to reducing smog and increasing the use of alternative transportation, we must ensure that there are safe routes and safe parking facilities for cyclists."

The legislation amends the Planning Code by requiring bicycle parking in all city-owned and privately-owned parking garages. It also requires shower and locker facilities in new commercial and industrial buildings and in existing building undergoing major renovations. (Under this section, building owners who make arrangements to provide free access to showers and lockers at health clubs or other such facilities within close proximity to the building are exempt from having to install showers and lockers in the building.)

The Plan also contains several resolutions:

•Urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to establish a bicyclist injury reporting hotline which would enable the City to maintain a centralized reporting and record-keeping system that would serve as a resource for rectifying unsafe conditions;

•Urging the Mayor to direct the Director Of Human Resources to propose that the City should provide reimbursement for use of privately-owned bicycles by City employees and officials, and urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to work with the City purchaser to develop a feasibility study and purchasing plan regarding the purchase and maintenance of a pool of City bicycles to be used for City business;

•Urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to work with the Department of Public Works in designating *No Porking Zones* on certain streets during rush hours and coordinating street cleaning schedules accordingly in order to facilitate safe bicycle commuting on City streets, and

•Urging the Planning Department to include bicycle information in draft Environmental Impact reports that contain information on transportation impacts.

"The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) spent a great deal of time laying the groundwork for this legislation," said Bert Glenn, past chairman of the BAC. "We consider this legislation to be an important part of our overall efforts to enhance bicycling in San Francisco."

After the expiration of a 30-day waiting period, the Plan will be scheduled for public hearing before the Economic Development, Transportation and Technology Committee.

Clubhouse Soon to Be Replaced

With Geneva Towers in the backgound awaiting implosion, the long-abandoned clubhouse of Visitacion Valley Playground at the corner of Leland Avenue and Cora Street was recently fenced in. Its demolition will make room for a larger facility during this year's reconstruction of the park.

Students Proud to be U.S. Citizens

Both Miu-Yung Choi, 80, (far right) and her daughter (not shown) recently passed their citizenship tests with Shu-Yuen Lin (second from left) in ESL and Citizenship classes taught by Marlene Tran (left) and Pat Hong.

by Marlene Tran, ESL Coordinator
Beacon-BESS Program

Should we be English proficient to be involved in social issues in our community? Of course not!

On April 26, Jimmy Kam and several volunteers braved a rather windy afternoon to help with a very successful voter registration drive on San Bruno Avenue.

Around 6:30 p.m. just before calling it a day, we heard much commotion at a nearby bus stop. While I wanted to offer help, I was nowhere as fast as Jimmy, who raced to the scene without hesitation.

Witnesses later told me it was a mugging. During my inquiry, one of three teenagers told me of a similar attack on her just two evenings before, but that she had managed to flee. When asked if a police report had been made, she replied--like hundreds of non-and-limited-English speaking residents--that she didn't know how or where to do it.

We were later relieved to learn that a female victim and her teenage daughter were lucky to recover her stolen wallet without being physically hurt in the altercation. Both exhausted victims credited the caring and brave responses of passersby, including Jimmy, and an off-duty Bayview police sergeant who cornered and had two perpetrators arrested.

I praised Jimmy, not only for his civic duties but in showing how gallant he was by driving around the streets to recover high heeled shoes the victim had discarded to pursue the muggers. Jimmy's quick actions and keen observation skills to identify both suspects resulted in three similar arrests in the last few years.

Community Beacon Invites the Neighborhood

Hello Visitacion Valley Community! Your Beacon invites your family, friends and neighbors to come visit and join our programs.

We offer Sewing & Cooking, Kung Fu Martial Arts, Swimming, Tutoring, Dance, Tai Chi, Arts & Crafts, Open Recreation, Baking, Boy Scouts, Adult ESL classes and many more soon to come.

Remember to look for our *Summer Program Schedule*. If you have any questions or would like to register, please call us at (415) 452-4907.

St. Luke's Diabetes Program Wins Prestigious Award

St. Luke's Hospital has been awarded the prestigious American Diabetes Association (ADA) Certificate of Recognition for a "quality diabetes patient education program."

"St. Luke's offers high quality diabetes education, which is an essential component of effective treatment," the ADA award committee wrote. "Programs that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive, state-of-the-art information about diabetes management. And, of course it helps consumers to identify quality programs."

The participants in an ADA "Recognized" program will be taught self-care skills that will promote better management of his or her diabetes treatment, according to ADA officials. "The ADA recognition program is based on the National Standards for Diabetes Education Programs."

St. Luke's program covers general facts, psychological adjustment, involvement of the family, nutrition, exercise, medications, relationship between nutrition, exercise and medication, monitoring, hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia, illness, complications (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), hygiene, benefits and responsibilities of care, use of health care systems and community resources.

"The bottom line is fewer emergency room visits, fewer hospitalizations and a better quality of life," said Sylvia Recinos, RN, CDE, manager of St. Luke's program.

St. Luke's cares for approximately 400 diabetics each year.

Currently, the insurance industry is willing to pay for treatment for chronic complications, but is not always willing to reimburse for the education that might have prevented these complications. The ADA reports that its recognition process helps secure reimbursement for patients who often pay out of their own pockets for education.

For those interested in being tested for diabetes, St. Luke's has established a physician referral line, (415) 821-3627. To contact St. Luke's Diabetes Center, call (415) 641-6826.

Organizations Merge at St. James

Members of St. James Presbyterian discussed a recent merging of two Church organizations.

by Gerry L. Galvan

Spearheaded by the pastor's wife, an emotional merging of two St. James Presbyterian Church organizations took place during an April 26 coffee hour.

Merged together were the Men of St. James and Women of St. James. Quickly christened Men and Women of St. James, the unified arm of the Church can rightfully be called a brainchild of Araceli Resus, who broached the idea of merging the two organizations to Men of St. James leadership one week earlier, assisted in the process by husband Rev. Jerry O. Resus.

Officers were immediately nominated and elected with a rapid stroke of the pen quickly pushing duly elected officers into oblivion while elevating others to their new posts. New officers include: Bernice Bidwell, president, Ray Esplana, vice president; and Araceli Resus, secretary.

Located at 240 Leland Ave., St. James Presbyterian Church is one of five local congregational denominations. Rev. Resus has been pastor of church, one of the Valley's oldest, since September, 1990.

Draft EIR on Third Street Light Rail Project

A Draft Environmental impact Report (EIR) concerning Muni's proposed Third Street Light Rail project is available at the San Francisco Planning Department.

Copies of the Draft EIR are also available for review at the Main Library at Larkin and Grove Streets, and the Anna E. Waden Branch at 5075 Third St.

Written comments will be received at the Planning Department, 1600 Mission St., 94103, until 5 p.m. on May 19, 1998. Comments should be sent to Hillary E. Gitelman, Environmental Review Officer.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this Draft EIR and other matters on Thursday, May 7 in Room 428, temporary City Hall (War Memorial Veteran's Building), 401 Van Ness Ave. beginning at 1:30 p.m. Call 558-6422 for a recorded message giving a more specific time. Anyone may appear at the hearing to give testimony regarding the accuracy and completeness of the Draft EIR.

The San Francisco Public Transportation Commission/Municipal Railway (Muni), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), proposes to construct a new light rail transit (LRT) line into the southeastern quadrant of the City. The EIR/EIS analyses the potential environmental impacts (physical changes to the environment) of three alternative projects: the *No Project* alternative, the *No Build/Transportation System Management (TSM)* alternative and the *Light Rail* alternative.

Implementation of the proposed project may require approval and/or permits from several federal, state and local public agencies.

The *No Project* alternative would perpetuate existing conditions in the Third Street Corridor; the *No Build/TSM* alternative would meet increased transit demand via expanded bus service; and the *Light Rail* alternative would extend Muni light rail service in two phases. An Initial Operating Segment (IOS) would extend light rail from King Street to the Bayshore Caltrain Station via Third, Fourth and Bayshore Boulevard. A later Central Subway phase would extend service northward to Chinatown via Third/Fourth, Geary and Stockton Streets.

May Day for Dog Spay

The San Francisco SPCA is offering *free* spay and neuter surgery for all San Francisco dogs on Friday, May 29, plus a $10 reward for the person who brings in the dog.

Appointments are necessary, as are current vaccinations. Same day drop off and pick up. Dogs must be 4 months or older. Call 554-3084 to take advantage. Cats needing surgery are also welcomed on May 29.

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Neighborhood Day

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Entretenimiento (11-1pm)

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Local Winners in Essay Competition

There were seven local winners of scholarships in the Today & Tomorrow high school essay competition. Pictured are: (front l-r) Margaret McLeod (Washington), Elaine Yong (Wallenberg), Winnie Wong (Wallenberg), Gwen Chan (SFUSD associate superintendent); (middle l-r) Angie Choi (SFUSD), Angela Lew (Lowell), Jenny Lau (Wallenberg); (back l-r) Glendy Chan (Lowell) and Matthew Chew (Lincoln).

Adding Reduced-Calorie Delights to a Healthful Diet

This is a likely scenario: A person is shopping in a grocery store, picks a packaged food from the shelf, immediately skips the first line of the nutrition facts panel, information on "Calories Per Serving," and scans to "Total Fat." With the neglect of calories in the past few years, this is not surprising.

The calorie is back--not that it ever left, it just got lost in the shadow of Americans' focus on fat. We are seeing more reminders that being conscious of calories is just as important as being attentive to other nutrients

Among our many choices, there are a lot of options for reduced-calorie foods and beverages to help balance our overall energy intake. Because no one sweetener meets all consumer and food preparation needs, a variety of reduced-calorie sweeteners (commonly referred to as low-calorie sweeteners), has been developed and is available.

MORE THAN SWEET TASTE

Low-calorie sweeteners taste very similar to sucrose (table sugar) but are much sweeter. Most do not contain any calories. Even though some sweeteners, such as aspartame, contain calories, they are used in such small amounts that they add essentially no calories to foods and beverages. As a result, these sweeteners practically eliminate or substantially reduce calories in some foods and beverages such as carbonated soft drinks, light yogurt and sugar-free pudding.

LOW CALORIE SWEETENERS IN THE UNITED STATES

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has to date approved three low-calorie sweeteners for use in the United States: aspartame, acesulfame-K and saccharin.

Aspartame tastes very similar to sucrose but is 200-times sweeter It is broken down to compounds normally found in the foods we eat everyday: aspartic acid, phenylalanine and a small amount of methanol Aspartic acid and phenylalanine are essential amino acids (the building blocks of protein) and methanol is found naturally in many foods, such as fruit and vegetable juices. In fact, a glass of tomato juice provides six times as much methanol as a similar amount of diet soda. Many prepared foods contain aspartame which is also available as a tabletop sweetener.

Aspartame underwent extensive safety testing for more than a decade before the FDA concluded in 1981 that aspartame is safe for use by consumers and thus approved its use Products made with aspartame, however, must carry a statement on the label that they contain phenylalanine. The statement is important for people with phenylketonuria, a rare hereditary disease, because they cannot properly metabolize phenylalanine.

Acesulfame-K, or acesulfame potassium, is produced by using derivatives of acetoncetic acid (a derivative of acetic acid or vinegar). It also is 200-times sweeter than sucrose More than 90 studies were conducted to test its safety before the FDA approved its use in 1988.

Available as a tabletop sweetener, acesulfame-K also is used in many prepared foods. When eaten alone in high concentrations, acesulfame-K may produce a slight aftertaste. However, blending acesulfame-K with other low-calorie sweeteners helps improve the taste of low-calorie products as well as their sweetness, shelf-life and stability. Also, with blended sweeteners, a synergy often occurs that makes it possible to produce the desired sweetness using a lower total amount of sweeteners.

Saccharin is the oldest of low-calorie sweeteners and has been used to sweeten foods and beverages since the turn of the century It has a taste 300-times sweeter than sucrose. Saccharin is highly stable, but has a slightly bitter aftertaste

The FDA proposed a ban on saccharin in 1977 based on animal research that suggested it was a weak bladder carcinogen. However, a congressional moratorium was placed on the ban to allow for more research on saccharin's safety. The moratorium on the ban has been extended seven times based on the need for further scientific study and continued consumer demand The FDA withdrew the ban in 1991, but the moratorium is still in effect until the year 2002. While numerous studies since 1977 have clearly shown that saccharin does not cause cancer in humans, labels on products with saccharin must continue to have a statement that it has caused cancer in laboratory animals

No final decision has been made regarding delisting saccharin from Health and Human Services' Public Health Services' National Toxicology Program's (NTP) Report on Carcinogens. Three separate committees have reviewed saccharin: Two internal NTP committees voted to delist saccharin, and a third, external advisory group in a close vote recommended keeping it on the list. A final decision will be made at a later date.

WAITING IN THE WINGS

The FDA is currently considering petitions to approve other low-calorie sweeteners, including sucralose, alitame and cyclamate, all of which are already approved for use in numerous other countries.

Sucralose is the only low-calorie sweetener that is made from sugar It is approximately 600-times sweeter and does not contain calories. Sucralose is highly stable under a wide variety of processing conditions. Thus, it can be used virtually anywhere sugar can, including cooking and baking, without losing any of its sugar-like sweetness

Today, sucralose is approved in more than 25 countries around the world for use in food and vegetables. In the United States, sucralose has been petitioned to the FDA for use in 15 different food and beverage categories.

Alitame is formed from amino acids (L-aspartic acid, L-alanine, and a novel amide). It offers a taste that is 2,000-times sweeter than sucrose, and can be used in cooking and baking. If approved, alitame would be suitable for use in a wide variety of products, including beverages, tabletop sweeteners, frozen desserts and baked goods.

Cyclamate is approved for use in Canada and more than 50 countries in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Cyclamate is 30-times sweeter than sucrose and is heat-stable. Since 1970, however, its use has been banned in the United States, based on a study suggesting that cyclamates may be related to development of bladder tumors in rats. While 75 subsequent studies have failed to show cyclamate is carcinogenic, the sweetener has yet to be reapproved for use in this country.

LOW-CALORIE DELIGHTS

Low-calorie sweeteners help satisfy desires for a sweet taste, and allow people to follow a healthful eating plan that includes their favorite foods According to Adam Drewnowski, Ph.D. professor at the University of Michigan, "Low-calorie sweeteners offer the best method to date of reducing calories while maintaining the palatability of the diet "

Low-calorie sweeteners are an option for reducing the number of calories in our diet Although calorie reduction goes hand-in-hand with weight loss, it must be recognized that low-calorie sweeteners in and of themselves will not magically solve our struggles with weight. Successful weight management requires habits that include a balanced diet and regular physical activity

-International Food Information Council

Anatomy of a Sweetener Approval

How does a new sweetener get approved for use in foods and beverages in the United States? The most common way taken is the food additive petition route. If the information and data provided to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is satisfactory, the agency will indicate that the petition has been "accepted for filing."

In the course of what is usually a lengthy (in some instances 10 years) and intensive review, the FDA requires substantial supporting data for their scientists to analyze. Additional external peer review may also be required. At a minimum, the following data are needed:

"How will the product be consumed and how much?

"Who, including children, adults, men and women, will consume the ingredient, and how much will each group consume?

"What does the ingredient do as an additive to food?

"Is the ingredient toxic and what levels are safe?

"Does the product have the potential to: cause cancer; affect reproduction; be stored in the body; be metabolized into other, potentially unsafe products, or cause allergic reaction?

"How and where is the ingredient made, who makes it, how pure is it?

"Is the ingredient suitable to food processing and consumer use?

During approval, the FDA also sets an acceptable daily intake (ADI) for the ingredient, which is the amount that can be safely consumed on a daily basis over a person's lifetime. The ADI for aspartame, for example, is 50 milligrams per kilogram per day. For a 150-pound adult, this translates to 20 12-ounce containers of carbonated soft drink or 97 packets of tabletop sweetener per day over a lifetime.

The process does not stop with approval. The FDA usually requires an ingredient to be monitored for consumer complaints in addition to dietary surveys to determine consumption.

-International Food Information Council

Survey Finds Muni Reforms Not Improving Performance

Recent S.F. Municipal Railway reforms have not improved on-time performance, while the Muni Metro has become even less reliable in the last year, according to a recently released survey by *Rescue Muni*, a transit riders' advocacy group.

This independent survey, now in its second year, attempts to measure the transit system's on-time performance from the perspective of the average rider. Muni lines were monitored by 147 volunteers for the first two weeks in February, tracking more than 3,000 vehicles. The survey gave letter grades to bus and streetcar lines based on how long riders were forced to wait. Ten of the 36 lines in the sample, including all major above-ground Muni Metro lines, received either a *D* or *F*. Muni as a whole was rated *C*, with 28 percent of riders experiencing a delay, slightly more than in 1997

"If you ride the Muni Metro to work, you'll be late almost every day," said survey coordinator Andrew Sullivan. "If you take the bus, you'll be late every other day"

Streetcar lines performing particularly badly were the L-Taraval, J-Church, N-Judah and K-Ingleside, all rated *F* with at least 41 percent of riders waiting longer than the frequency advertised on Muni's street map. The Metro as a whole was rated *D*, with 35 percent of riders delayed, significantly more riders than in the 1997 survey, when it was rated *C*. During the evening rush hour, 57 percent of Metro riders were forced to wait. Many riders also spoke of long delays in the tunnel to Embarcadero, with some short rides taking as long as 60 minutes.

"No wonder people drive to work, even when they live on the streetcar line," said *Rescue Muni* member Joan Downey, who sat for 40 minutes on an N-Judah car stuck in the tunnel "If you need to get somewhere on time, the Metro is useless at rush hour "

For bus riders, Muni appears not to have improved since last year. As was the case in 1997, most bus lines were graded *C*, with riders delayed between 20 and 30 percent of the time. Overall, 28 percent of express riders, 27 percent of trolley coach (electric bus) riders, and 23 percent of diesel motor coach riders were delayed Particularly troublesome lines included the 14-Mission, one of the City's most traveled lines, and the 41-Union, both graded *F*.

Some lines showed signs of improvement, however Last year's worst performers, the 1-California and the 22-Fillmore, were both graded *C* this year Most improved was the F-Market historic streetcar, graded *D* in 1997 and *B* in 1998 Two lines, the 2-Clement and 44-O'Shaughnessy, received a grade of *A* with fewer than 10 percent of riders delayed

Many participants reported a positive experience with Muni customer service, commenting that Muni operators and staff were more courteous than they had been in the past

"My driver was nice--he called out all the stops and other bus routes," reported participant Gene Hwang. "Even though I don't always get to work on time, it's nice to be treated professionally."

The survey results raised important questions about the effectiveness of Mayor Brown's renewed focus on Muni and the reforms of Muni Director Emilio Cruz. The results for some bus lines and the historic streetcars suggest that the Mayor's emphasis on traffic control may be making a difference, particularly on lines like the 1-California and 30-Stockton that experience delays due to gridlock.

But the Muni Metro's disappointing results suggest that San Francisco's multimillion-dollar investment in new streetcars, tracks, and the Advanced Train Control System have yet to make a difference and may even be making matters worse

"Of course, the E-Embarcadero did fine," said Sullivan, noting that the newly opened Muni Metro extension was graded *B* "But hardly anyone took it."

Valley Candidates In June Election

From Page 1

As spokesperson for the Visitacion Valley Asians' Alliance who conducted surveys and chartered buses to bring residents to safety meetings, her years of persistence have now resulted in a more responsive neighborhood police substation located in Sunnydale and a proposed change in police boundaries to better serve the neighborhood

Marlene Tran, ESL instructor, is a candidate for the Democratic Central Committee, 12th District.

Crossword Solution

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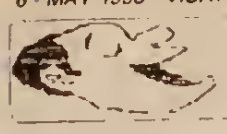


Boz Who?

Match quotes to speakers.

1 "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth."

2 "Consult. To seek another's approval of a course already decided on."

3 "Will the people in the cheaper seats clap your hands? All the rest of you, if you'll just rattle your jewelry."

4 "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it."

5 "I am extraordinarily patient provided I get my own way in the end."

6. "There is no terror in a bang, only the anticipation of it."

7 "Government does not solve problems, it subsidizes them."

8. "A people always ends by resembling its shadow."

9 "Money doesn't talk, it swears."

A. Bob Dylan
B. Mark Twain
C. Ronald Reagan
D. John Lennon
E. Oscar Wilde
F. Rudyard Kipling
G. Alfred Hitchcock
H. Margaret Thatcher
I. Ambrose Bierce

Answers: 1-E, 2-I, 3-D, 4-B, 5-H, 6-G, 7-C, 8-F, 9-A

This Month in S.F. History

MAY

1 In 1974, Muni inaugurated the Fast Pass, providing unlimited access to its busses and streetcars. In 1992, Mayor Frank Jordan declared a second night of curfew in the City to prevent rioting and looting which plagued the downtown area the previous evening, one day after the Rodney King beating trial concluded

2 In 1923, the Embarcadero Subway, a two-lane underpass built to speed traffic by the Ferry Building, was completed. Also that day, the original Kezar Stadium, built in part with a donation from a generous donor, first opened its gates

4 In 1850, an early morning fire burned a large portion of the City's business district, causing nearly $5 million in damages. In 1851, exactly one year later, an even larger fire started at 11 p.m. in a paint store, burning almost 2,000 structures in 10 hours, and causing losses in excess of $11 million. Remarkably, the DeWitt and Harrison warehouse was spared with the use of 80,000 gallons of vinegar

5 Failing financially in his attempt to publish a penny tabloid, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. closed his San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald in 1926

6 In 1856, the S.F. Chamber of Commerce was organized

9 In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Railroad Company was established. Three counterbalance cars operated on a three-block single-track line with turnouts on Greenwich St. from Powell St. to an observatory atop Telegraph Hill. In 1958, the last of Muni's two-man streetcars made their final runs, replaced the next day by newer one-man PCC streetcars

11 In 1855, the El Dorado, largest and most respected gaming house in the City, closed its doors upon passage of anti-gambling state legislation

14 In 1856, James King of William, outspoken editor of the Evening Bulletin, was shot to death in a duel with James Casey, publisher of the Sunday Times, in one of the most famous altercations in S.F. history. Casey, perturbed by a Bulletin item identifying him as a one-time Sing-Sing inmate, was executed by vigilantes eight days later

16 In 1872, Metropolitan Gas Company street lamps were first lit

23 In 1956, the World Trade Center, located in the Ferry Building, was dedicated

24 In 1987, pedestrians packed the Golden Gate Bridge - closed to motor vehicle traffic for several hours - in celebration of its 50th birthday

25 In 1940, the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island opened its second season. In 1948, San Franciscans received their very first telecast.

26 In 1958, a plaque dedication honoring John Geary, the first mayor of San Francisco, was held in Union Square, an event marking the downtown park's dedication as a state historical landmark

27 In 1854, a marine telegraph line was completed from Fort Point to the downtown area. In 1937, after four years of construction, thousands of pedestrians crossed the newly built Golden Gate Bridge on its opening day

Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers.

1963

1 Beginning Sept. 17, David Janssen is on the run

2. They won the World Series

3. *Best Picture* at Academy Awards on Apr. 8

4 He became Time Magazine's *Man of the Year*

5. New diet soft drink on the market

6 Popular dress during the summer

7 On Sept. 29 he makes his presence known to Tim O'Hara

8 World is shocked on Nov. 22

9 Top money-making movie was also the year's biggest flop.

10 On Sept. 16, TV viewers first encountered the *Control Voice*

11 Mr. Olsen began pitching this product.

12. Movie-goers first watch wacky motorists race to find buried money

13 Closed for business on Mar. 21.

14 Massive storm hit the Caribbean on Oct. 3

15 On Oct. 9, thousands drown after landslide hits reservoir

16 Champions of the NFL

17 And top team in the NBA

18. Soda and beer drinkers praised this invention

A Chicago Bears
B Martin Luther King, Jr.
C Cleopatra
D The Outer Limits
E Kennedy Assassination
F. Shift
G Folger's Coffee
H Alcatraz
I It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
J My Favorite Martian
K. Tab-opening cans
L. Boston Celtics
M Lawrence of Arabia
N Los Angeles Dodgers
O The Fugitive
P Mt. Toc, Italy
Q Tab
R Hurricane Flora

Answers: 1-O, 2-N, 3-M, 4-B, 5-Q, 6-F, 7-J, 8-E, 9-C, 10-D, 11-G, 12-I, 13-H, 14-R, 15-P, 16-A, 17-L, 18-K

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

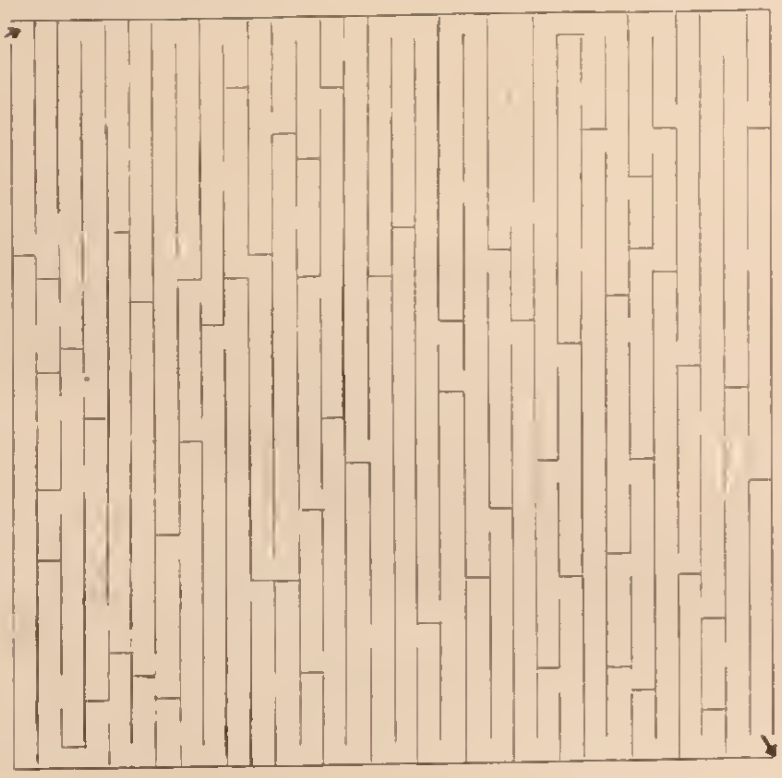
MAY 1993

*Hundreds of civic-minded volunteers flexed their sweeping muscles during San Francisco's second annual *One Neat City Week*

*Gigi Hitbe was elected as Visitacion Valley representative to the S.F. Children's Service Planning Body

*Comprehensive job readiness was provided for youth 14-17 years with *Ready for Work*, a new program at Visitacion Valley Community Center

Minute Maze



Grapevine Puzzler — Major League Baseball

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Mother's Day Concert At Russian Center

Songs and dances by Russian and American composers will be part of a special *Mother's Day Concert* at the Russian Center, 2450 Sutter St. on Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m. For more information, call (510) 525-7950 or (510) 235-8299

Recipe of the Month

SOUR CREAM BURGERS

1/4 cup dairy sour cream; 2 tbsp. sliced green onion; 4 tsp. fine dry bread crumbs; 1/4 tsp. salt; 1 dash pepper; 1/2 pound lean ground beef; 2 hamburger buns, split toasted and buttered; 1 lettuce leaves; 2 thin slices tomato

Stir together 1/4 cup sour cream, green onion, bread crumbs, salt and freshly ground pepper. Add ground beef, mix well. Shape into two 3/4-inch thick patties. Place patties in a small baking dish. Loosely cover with clear plastic wrap or waxed paper. Micro-cook for three minutes. Turn patties over, rotate the baking dish a half turn. Micro-cook, loosely covered for 2 to 3 minutes more or until meat is done. Drain off fat. Serve the patties on toasted buns with lettuce and tomato. Dollop with additional sour cream, if desired. Serves 2.

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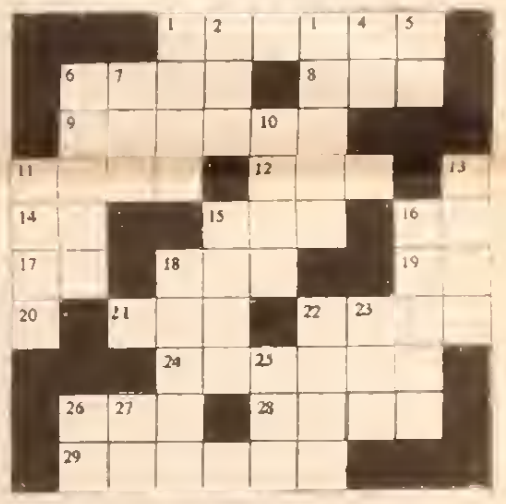

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Famous Birthdays

MAY

1 Fred Astaire (1899), Betty Comden (1919), Calamity Jane (1852), Scott Carpenter (1925), Rita Coolidge (1945), Glenn Ford (1916), Bobcat Goldthwait (1962), Joseph Heller (1923), Gary Owens (1935), Jack Paar (1918), Max C. Robinson (1939), George Strait (1952), Nancy Walker (1921)

2 Ted Bessell (1935), Jon Bon Jovi (1962), Catherine the Great (1729), Bing Crosby (1904), Leslie Gore (1946), Englebert Humperdinck (1936), Lorenzo Music (1937), Dr. Benjamin Spock (1903)

3 Mary Astor (1906), Mel Blanc (1908), James Brown (1933), Stepin Fetchit (1902), Greg Gumbel (1946), Doug Henning (1947), Mary Hopkin (1950), Wynonna Judd (1964), Niccolo Machiavelli (1496), Golda Meir (1898), Michael J. Pollard (1939), Pete Seeger (1919), Walter Slezak (1902), Frankie Valli (1937), Clint Walker (1927)

4 Maynard Ferguson (1928), Audrey Hepburn (1929), Horace Mann (1796), Roberta Peters (1930), Randy Travis (1959), George Will (1941), Pia Zadora (1956)

5 Nellie Bly (1867), Pat Carroll (1927), Ann B. Davis (1926), Alice Faye (1915), Karl Marx (1818), Tyrone Power (1913), Tammy Wynette (1942)

6 Sigmund Freud (1896), Stewart Granger (1913), Ross Hunter (1924), Willie Mays (1931), Bob Seger (1945), Rudolph Valentino (1895), Orson Welles (1915)

7 Teresa Brewer (1931), Robert Browning (1812), Gary Cooper (1901), Totie Fields (1930), Gabby Hayes (1885), Archibald MacLeish (1892), Darren McGavin (1922), Robin Strasser (1945), Peter Tchaikovsky (1840)

8 Melissa Gilbert (1964), Garry Glitter (1940), David Keith (1954), Sonny Liston (1932), Don Rickles (1926), Tom Tenville (1943), Harry S. Truman (1884)

9 James Barrie (1860), Candice Bergen (1946), John Brown (1800), Albert Finney (1936), Glenda Jackson (1936), Billy Joel (1949), Lloyd Price (1933), Tommy Roe (1943), Hank Snow (1914), Mike Wallace (1918)

10 Fred Astaire (1899), Bono (1960), Graham Gouldman (1945), Dave Mason (1946), Robby Thompson (1962)

11 Johnny Appleseed (1774), Irving Berlin (1888), Foster Brooks (1912), Eric Burdon (1941), Louis Farrakhan (1933), Doug McClure (1935), Denver Pyle (1920), Margaret Rutherford (1892), Mort Sahl (1927), Phil Silvers (1912), Kent Taylor (1907)

12 Burt Bacharach (1929), Yogi Berra (1925), George Carlin (1937), Ian Dury (1942), Gloria Estefan (1962), Emilio Estevez (1962), Millie Perkins (1940), Dante Rossetti (1828), Howard K. Smith (1914), Tom Snyder (1936), Steve Winwood (1948)

13 Bea Arthur (1926), Peter Gabriel (1950), Joe Louis (1914), Stevie Wonder (1950)

14 David Byrne (1952), Jack Bruce (1943), Bobby Darin (1936), George Lucas (1944)

15 Eddy Arnold (1918), Joseph Cotten (1905), Constance Cummings (1910), Pierre Curie (1859), Richard Daley (1902), Terrence Trent D'Arby (1962), Brian Eno (1948), Lainie Kazan (1942), James Mason (1909)

16 Harry Carey, Jr. (1921), Henry Fonda (1905), Janet Jackson (1966), Liberace (1919), Gabriela Sabatini (1970), Margaret Sullivan (1896)

17 Dennis Hopper (1936), Sugar Ray Leonard (1956), Maureen O'Sullivan (1911), Taj Mahal (1942), Debra Winger (1955)

18 Frank Capra (1897), Perry Como (1912), Dwayne Hickman (1934), Reggie Jackson (1946), Pope John Paul II (1920), Bill Macy (1922), Robert Morse (1931), Pernell Roberts (1930)

19 David Hartman (1937), James Fox (1939), David Hartman (1935), Grace Jones (1952), Nancy Kwan (1939), Ho Chi Minh (1890), Joey Ramone (1952), Pete Townshend (1945)

20 Cher (1946), Joe Cocker (1944), Moshe Dayan (1915), James Stewart (1908)

21 Raymond Burr (1917), Peggy Cass (1924), Armand Hammer (1898), Robert Montgomery (1904), Alexander Pope (1688), Harold Robbins (1916), Mr. T (1952)

22 Richard Benjamin (1938), Michael Constantine (1927), Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859), Quinn Martin (1927), Peter Nero (1934), Sir Laurence Olivier (1907), Harry Ritz (1906), Richard Wagner (1813), Paul Winfield (1941)

23 Barbara Barrie (1931), Rosemary Clooney (1928), Joan Collins (1933), Douglas Fairbanks (1883), James Gleason (1886), Harvin Hagler (1952), Helen O'Connell (1921), Artie Shaw (1910)

24 Roseanne Cash (1955), Tommy Chong (1938), Bob Dylan (1941), Patti Labelle (1944), Priscilla Presley (1946), Queen Victoria of England (1819)

25 Claude Akins (1918), Dixie Carter (1939), Jeanne Crain (1925), Miles Davis (1926), Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803), John Gabriel (1931), Tom T. Hall (1936), Connie Sellecca (1955), Beverly Sills (1929), Gene Tunney (1898), Leslie Uggams (1943), Karen Valentine (1947)

26 Ben Alexander (1911), James Arness (1923), Peter Cushing (1913), Al Jolson (1886), Peggy Lee (1920), Stevie Nicks (1948), Jay Silverheels (1922), John Wayne (1907), Hank Williams, Jr. (1949)

27 Clint Black (1962), Todd Bridges (1965), Louis Gossett, Jr. (1936), Wild Bill Hickok (1837), Henry Kissinger (1923), Christopher Lee (1922), Lee Meriwether (1935), Vincent Price (1911), Sam Snead (1912), Bruce Weitz (1943)

28 Carroll Baker (1931), Dionne quintuplets (1934), Ian Fleming (1908), Beth Howland (1941), Gladys Knight (1944), Jim Thorpe (1888), Martha Vickers (1925)

29 Patrick Henry (1736), Bob Hope (1903), Stacy Keach (1914), John F. Kennedy (1917)

30 Mel Blanc (1908), Benny Goodman (1909), LaToya Jackson (1956)

31 Don Ameche (1908), Tom Berenger (1950), Clint Eastwood (1930), Gregory Harrison (1950), Jack Holt (1888), Joe Namath (1943), Johnny Paycheck (1941), Norman Vincent Peale (1898), Brooke Shields (1965), Lea Thompson (1961), Walt Whitman (1819), Peter Yarrow (1938)

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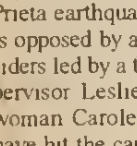
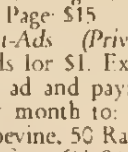
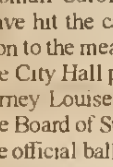
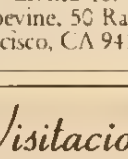
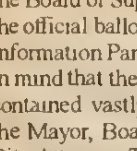
May 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 11a Senior Council Meet 11:30a Senior Shopping	5 12:30p SeniorBingo 9:30a-4p Senior Ceramics	6 10:30a Senior Crafts	7 9a-3p Sewing Class 7p ROSES meeting	8	9 VVCC Meeting/Election
10 	11 11:30a Senior Shopping	12 12:30p SeniorBingo 9:30a-4p Senior Ceramics 4:30p Sunnydale Tenants 7p El Dorado NBC Meets	13 10:30a Senior Crafts 6p Ex Park Advisory Com	14 9a-3p Sewing Class	15 	16 12n W Neighborhood Dy 10a Friends McLaren Park
17 	18 11:30a Senior Shopping	19 12:30p SeniorBingo 9:30a-4p Senior Ceramics 3:30p W Nbhood Collab	20 10:30a Senior Crafts	21 9a-3p Sewing Class 3p Beacon Council at MS	22 	23 10:30a-12noon W Task Force Meeting 50 Raymond Ave
24 31 	25 11:30a Senior Shopping Memorial Day	26 12:30p SeniorBingo 9:30a 4p Senior Ceramics	27 10:30a Senior Crafts	28 9a-3p Sewing Class 9a USDA Surplus Food Distribution Day at VVCC	29	30

Propositions on Ballot to Save Taxpayers Money

by State Senator Quentin L. Kopp

"Truth is always the strongest argument."--Sophocles

If you haven't facts with which to fight, your only weapon is rhetoric and personal invective. That's why invective is rampart in opposition to Propositions F, G and K, initiatives which tens of thousands of citizens and I have placed on the June 2, 1998 ballot to save taxpayers money.

The necessity of Propositions F, G and K (pertaining to City Hall, aides to the Board of Supervisors and Treasure Island, respectively)) is backed by factual documentation, not fanciful tales emanating from opponents.

And just who are the opponents? Not surprisingly, they happen to consist primarily of City Hall bureaucrats. Proposition F, for example, which simply requires that all departments which occupied City Hall prior to the Loma Prieta earthquake reoccupy City Hall, is opposed by a group of City Hall insiders led by a former employee of Supervisor Leslie Katz and Assemblywoman Carole Migden. Others who have hit the campaign trail in opposition to the measure are Mr. Tony Irons, the City Hall project director, City Attorney Louise Renne, and, of course, the Board of Supervisors, which signed the official ballot argument for the Voter Information Pamphlet against it. (Bear in mind that the original City Hall plan contained vastly expanded offices for the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and City Attorney. Thus, it's not surprising that the City Attorney and supervisors have joined the campaign to defeat Proposition F. Without it, they'll be able to evict City services from City Hall to provide more room for themselves!)

Another ballot argument against Proposition F was submitted by Mr. Edgar Lopez on behalf of the American Institute of Architects. Lopez happens to be an employee of the City who's assigned to the City Hall project. Of course, that's not mentioned in the argument. Opponents such as Lopez would like the public to believe they're disinterested citizens working for the public good, instead of City Hall officials working to appease the Mayor and retain their jobs.

Proposition G, to eliminate 15 additional aides to the Board of Supervisors, saving taxpayers approximately $1,000,000 annually, is opposed by--you guessed it--the 15 additional aides and their supervisor bosses. (I guess they manage to find ample time to campaign, despite the escalating job duties which supervisors claim necessitate the additional positions.)

If Proposition G is approved, each supervisor will continue to have two aides, the number each supervisor was allotted before they voted to increase their staffs to three. Proposition G also eliminates four "legislative analyst" positions to the Board. The Board's chief clerk questioned whether hiring analysts would be useful and suggested hiring only one, and only if approved by a nearly unanimous vote of the Board. The actual vote was 7-4, but the Board blithely hired four analysts anyway.

Shortly thereafter, our supervisors decided to give themselves a raise. So, they voted to place a measure on the June ballot, Proposition B, requesting a 57.1 percent salary increase. (Not surprisingly, our supervisors are also the official proponents of that one!)

Finally, the campaign against Proposition K, to provide checks and balances on the development of Treasure Island, is led by none other than the chairperson of the Treasure Island Development authority, which Proposition K aims to disband, and an individual promised a plum appointment to the Treasure Island Citizens Advisory Committee.

This June, reject the pleas of lickspittles motivated by political paybacks and cronyism. San Franciscans deserve good, honest government. Approving Propositions F, G and K ensures they get it.

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Join San Francisco's Continued War Against Rubbish! Great Sweep II

by Mayor Willie L. Brown

Being Da Mayor of a metropolitan city like San Francisco is no easy task. My duties on a day-to-day basis range from reviewing legislation to meeting with constituents. Of all my responsibilities, trying to maintain a clean San Francisco is definitely one of the toughest to accomplish.

While the amount of trash has increased by roughly 80 percent over the past decade, from 24,000 tons to 44,000 tons annually, the budget for street cleaning and sanitation employees has not kept up with the rising demand. I have given this prevalent urban plight a lot of thought and came up with some innovative solutions. San Francisco's new street cleaning initiatives include Neighborhood Anti-Litter Teams, Adopt-a-Block, additional litter receptacles, and Green Machines (specialized sidewalk vacuum sweepers). But no combination of initiatives is going to be fully effective until YOU pitch in to help me keep San Francisco clean.

On Saturday, May 9, 1998, thousands of San Franciscans will canvas city streets with their brooms, dustpans, and garbage bags. The occasion is called Great Sweep II and its the most comprehensive one-day cleanup program San Francisco has ever experienced. More importantly, "Great Sweeps" are intended to be educational. Through this massive mobilization effort that embodies the spirit of public/private partnership, community activism, and volunteerism, San Franciscans of all ages and different walks of life will become more aware that San Francisco is "home." And just as all members of a household pitch in to clean up, as members of San Francisco, we ALL need to help clean up our beautiful city.

The first Great Sweep was held on November 8th of last year, its success surpassed our most ambitious expectations. Some 10,000 San Franciscans collected over 100,000 pounds of litter and debris in just a few hours. I strongly urge you to be a part of this momentous event, besides the gratification of giving back to the community, you will have a great time. You can volunteer to clean up a park, a local school, or just step out of your front door and sweep the street in front of your residence. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors--make it a Great Sweep party! My staff has also put together some exciting prizes including Giants tickets and complimentary dinners in San Francisco's fine restaurants to reward you. These prizes are limited--you will get raffle tickets for them when you report to your area site on May 9th. To find out your area site and sign up to volunteer, call 554-5447 or visit the Great Sweep web site at www.citysearch.com/sfo/greatsweep. If you want to help clean up your neighborhood park, call 831-2084. I will look forward to seeing you at the Great Sweep!

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Proposed Ballot Initiative Will Again Target the Central Freeway

A proposed ballot initiative to stop the retrofit and widening of the Central Freeway and to replace it with a landscaped boulevard on Octavia Street (alterative 8B) will soon be submitted to the Board of Elections for review.

If approved by the Board and the City Attorney, petitions will be circulated to put a measure on the November ballot. About 15,000 signatures are needed by the middle of July for the initiative to be brought before San Francisco voters.

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Recycling to Now Include Empty Metal Paint and Aerosol Cans

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In order to help maximize recycling in the City, the curbside and apartment recycling program is now accepting empty metal paint and aerosol cans. These materials, which are almost all made of steel, can easily be recycled. The paint cans can have a thin skin of dried paint, but should be empty otherwise. The lids should be removed. If the lids are metal, they can be recycled with the cans--otherwise they should be discarded. Aerosol cans need to be completely empty and the lids (and nozzles if possible) should be removed. Both empty paint cans and aerosol cans should be put in your blue recycling container along with all other bottles and cans. The few cans that are not made out of steel are made out of aluminum, which is also easily recyclable.

Paint and aerosol cans have been added to the recycling program because steel recycling is well established. Steel is North America's most recycled material. More steel is recycled annually than glass, paper, plastic, aluminum and other metals combined. The national steel recycling rate is now more than 65 percent. In 1996, more than 67 million tons of steel were recycled. To put this figure into perspective, that's almost ten times as much as the combined weight of all newspapers recycled nationwide.

Much of this recycled steel comes from construction sites, cars and appliances. Last year, 30 million tons of steel were recycled from construction and demolition projects nationwide. Another 12 million tons of scrap steel came from automobiles.

Appliances are the third major source of steel for recycling. Steel makes up about three-quarters of the weight of appliances, and this steel is easily recycled. Old air conditioners, washers, dishwashers, freezers, microwave ovens, refrigerators and other appliances are a valuable source of steel for new products. Since 1990, the national recycling rate for major home appliances has risen from 32 percent to more than 75 percent.

Steel makes up about 5 percent of the waste generated in San Francisco. We recycle about 45 million pounds of steel--45 percent of the 100 million pounds of steel waste generated by San Francisco residents and businesses.

In addition to recycling empty paint and aerosol cans, we can support steel recycling by recycling all steel cans. What most of us have traditionally called tin cans are actually steel cans coated with a thin layer of tin. Steel cans include food, beverage, paint and aerosol containers. Bottle caps are also made from steel.

Last year, San Franciscans recycled more than 2 million pounds of steel cans. Although this sounds impressive, it represents less than 20 percent of the steel waste generated by residents each year. And while more than two-thirds of City residents recycle newspaper, less than half recycle steel cans.

Steel recycling preserves natural resources. For every ton of steel that is recycled, we save 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal and conserve more than 10 million BTUs of energy.

The average household consumes the content of two pounds of steel cans per week. If these cans are recycled, enough energy is saved to keep a 60-watt light bulb burning for more than two days. If we recycled just half the steel cans used by San Francisco residents in one year, we'd save enough energy to keep that light bulb burning for more than 40,000 years.

So what happens to the steel cans collected in the curbside and apartment recycling programs? Well, first they get separated from the other containers, then they get baled and shipped to a mill near Stockton, CA. Once the cans are shredded and cleaned, the tin is separated from the steel at manufacturing plants either in Arizona or Washington. The tin is used to manufacture new cans, pewter solder, and bronze.

The steel is sold to steel mills (for remanufacture into steel products--including cans). Two types of furnaces are used today in the steelmaking process. The first, a basic oxygen furnace, creates steel for cans, automobiles and appliances. This type of furnace usually uses about 28 percent steel scrap to make new steel. The second kind of furnace, the electric arc furnace, uses virtually 100 percent scrap steel to make new steel products for construction projects.

Recycling more steel cans is an easy way to help conserve resources. So the next time you recycle, make sure you include your steel cans. And, since steel cans contain an average of 28 percent recycled steel, you can promote recycling by buying products packaged in steel cans.

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